(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider appointing as heads of these organisations those persons who have grown in these media ; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) (a) No, Sir. Neither presumption is correct.

(b) The recruitmen t rules for the posts of Director General, All India Radio and Director General, Doordarshan provide that 50 per cent will be filled up by promotion failing which by transfer on deputation and failing both by direct recruitment. The interests of the Departmental officers are- thus safeguarded .

(c) Does not arise.

"Today in Parliament'"

*238. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan pro pose to telecast "Today in Parliament" on the Naticnal Network Programme; and

(b) what are the reasons for not including it in the National Network Programme so far in spite of persistent demands in Parliament and by the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION J AND BROADCASTING SHRI (V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) At present, "Sansa d Samachar" in Hindi and "Parliament News" in English are being telecast by Doordarshan Kendra,. Delhi and relayed by 156 transmitters. These items are not included in the National Programme of Door-* darsham as news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the total time for the two National News Bulletins included in the National Programme of Doordarshan. As the programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed by all the satellite-linked transmitters in the country, these programmes are viewed by substantial number of viewers. As far as other Doordarshan Kendras are concerned, they telecast a summary of Parliament Proceedings in their weekly bulletins in their respective languages. Presently, the duration of National Programme is 155 minutes, which includes 20 minutes each of two news bulletins in Hindi and English. While on Saturdays and Sundays the duration of Hindi and English news bulletins is 25 minutes respectively. Within the remaining 105—115 minutes, other items catering for a

wide variety of programme requirements for various sections of viewers are accommodated. Therefore, it is not considered feasible to include 'Sansad Saraachar" and "Parliament News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan.

Implementation of recommendation of Revenue Ministers' Conference

*239. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in May 1985, the State Revenue Minister had agreed that agricultural land ceiling limit be lowered for a family of 5 members to 5 hectares for the best category of land with assured irrigation and capable of raising at least two crops in a year, 7.5 hectares for the next category with assured irrigation for at least one crop a year, and 12 hectares for the rest ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in each State in this regard ; and

(c) what steps in this direction have been taken by the Central G>ve:,i;nent in the Union Territories

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) Aeeording to the consensus arrived at in the Revenue Ministers' Conference, this issue was left to be considered by the State Governments and the hUnion Territories. All the States/Union Territory Administrations have not yet taken a final view on the issue.

High cost of Cultivation

*240. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that price mechanism is the main incentive to our farmers; and

(b) whether it is a fact that high-cost of cultivation is receiving Government's attention, if so, what are the details of high-cost of cultivation with regard to wheat, rice, pulses and oil-seeds

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) P rice mechanism is one of the incentive given to the farmers.

(b) Cost of production is governed by the prices of inputs as well as by productivity. The Government have been making sustained efforts not only to increase yields but also ensure availability of inputs at reasonable prices for the cultivation of all crops including wheat, rice, pulses and oilseeds.

M-BAHN Magnetic Trains for Delhi

fI055. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the

†Previously Unstarred Question 374 transferred from the 23rd July^ 1986.